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# A Little Bit o' Heaven

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DAVENPORT, IOWA, U.S.A.

**E**VERY great and beautiful thing was born of a sorrow and suffering reversed. *The Little Bit o' Heaven* is no exception. This bit of a spiritual dream was, once upon a time, but a desire of one man to bury himself. He thus produced better than he knew. It was personal and was, originally, not intended for visitors. It was a vent where excess mental baggage was unloaded onto rocks and stones, ponds and pools, fish and flowers, shells and star-fish.

Friends heard, friends came, friends saw, friends told friends. The multitude came. This card indicates the number of visitors since July 1, 1924.

The entrance—a boulder and a glacial stone court—is PURGATORY. The outer gates, which weigh 4 tons, are revolving doors within which are opening doors. They are covered with petrified woods and polished agates from many countries. It is dark and dreary, lighted overhead dimly. In PURGATORY notice "The Ruins of Greece" and "The Downfall of China."

Passing the ten-cent turnstile, on your left, is a replica of *The Black Hole of Calcutta* in size only, except it was about three times deeper. At times, if Heaven is crowded, we may crowd you in *The Black Hole of Calcutta* so YOU may know a little of what THEY endured and died for.

Leaving *The Black Hole of Calcutta*, you approach the pearly gates of St. Peter. The custodian —who takes your dimes and passes the children free —passes judgment upon your fitness to enter Heaven. (Being a child or possessing a ten-cent piece are the best records.) Your money, received at the door, automatically turns back into making *The Little Bit o' Heaven* a more beautiful place for others who will come after you.

The Pearly Gates of St. Peter weigh 1400 lbs. The inlay work ON THE INSIDE of the doors are replicas of the semi-precious stones inlay found in the *Taj-Mahal*, Agra, India. (See "Round the World with B.J." for complete description.) The round plate on the right door (as you enter), contains 8,000 pieces of inlay and is a replica of the piece found immediately over the head of Mumtaj Mahal as she lies in her sarcophagus in the basement of the building *Taj Mahal*.

There are over 800 tons of glacial deposit rocks in *The Little Bit o' Heaven and Purgatory*. 200 tons are in the water falls.

200 gallons of water per minute pass over the waterfalls. It is kept running night and day to oxygenate the water. There is 500 lbs. of bass in the upper two pools. There is approximately 100,000 gallons of water in all the pools. The water, for the

most part, is pumped over and over again, altho there is an "Iron Spring" at the base of the waterfalls that is rarely shown to visitors. Goldfish fill the two lower pools. (These are supplied by our good friend Bruce at Thornburg, Iowa.)

Lemons used to be handed B.J.—now he *raises* them. Oranges, grape fruit and banana plants are also present.

Parrots are in the cages and should be talked to but to tease them is to make them cross and irritable Singing birds are in the air. (The beautiful birds flying about and singing for your pleasure, are supplied by Bruns Seed Store, 318 West Second St., Davenport, Iowa). Lizards are found eating flies and bugs—they are harmless. The serpent must be here, there are several of them, but they are wax.

The floor is scrap tile, made over into a servicable pathway. Various figures are noticed in it.

The island in the center of the second pool is illustrative of the Japanese tea-house. In its floor is an inlaid Venetian gold-glass gold fish.

The *Birth of Venus* (a Carrara marble piece of Italy, by BRUNO) weighs four tons. It is an original and has never been copied.

We have not, in this description, attempted to give any costs or values of anything. That YOU enjoy it is the thing, regardless of whether it costs nothing or a fortune.

We began working on *The Little Bit o' Heaven* in the spring of 1923. It was opened to the public on July 1st, 1924. It will take seven years to finish.

Truly it can be said: "Build a Little Bit of *Heaven* and even tho' it lives in the midst of a backyard, the world will beat a path to your door"—(Paraphrased to suit this occasion.)

Purgatory and A Little Bit o' *Heaven* are open, in the summer:

**WEEK-DAYS: 10 A. M. to 12 M. 1 to 5 P. M.**

**EVENINGS Tuesdays and Thursdays (when it is electrically lighted) 7 to 9 P. M.**

**SUNDAYS: 10 A. M. to 6 P. M.**

**HOLIDAYS: Same as Week-Days.**

The same schedule is maintained in winter except for the evening openings.

Large groups are accommodated only by special arrangements made in advance.

Desiring to see thru THE PALMER SCHOOL OF CHIROPRACTIC, guide service is maintained daily at 10 A.M. and 2 P.M., including this trip thru A Little Bit o' *Heaven*. Apply at Information Bureau, second floor, Administration building (with the "Big Ben" in front.)

